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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1159 (1998) of 27 March 1998, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic with effect from 15 April 1998 for an initial period of three months until 15 July 1998 and authorized the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to ensure that the Mission was fully deployed by 15 April 1998,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the

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[1] A/52/895.

[2] A/52/911.

economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation the voluntary contributions in kind that have so far been made to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic,

Noting also that, so far, no voluntary contributions have been made to the Trust Fund for the support of the Mission's activities,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under Security Council resolution 1159 (1998),

1. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic in full and on time;

2. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. Takes note of the information provided in paragraph 3 of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and in paragraph 7 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[2]

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the operational and substantive requirements of the Mission;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report in his next financial performance report on the Mission on the implementation and efficiency of the system of providing allowances in lieu of rations to various contingents serving in the Mission;

7. Decides to appropriate the amount of 18,560,600 United States dollars gross (18,335,500 dollars net) for the establishment and operation of the Mission for the period from 27 March to 30 June 1998, inclusive of 12,844,900 dollars gross (12,469,900 dollars net) previously authorized by the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic;

8. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 18,560,600 dollars gross (18,335,500 dollars net) for the period from 27 March to 30 June 1998 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as

adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A, B and C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998 as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

9. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 225,100 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 27 March to 30 June 1998;

10. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic the amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 30 November 1998, inclusive of the amount of _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

11. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the period from 1 to 15 July 1998, in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in resolution 52/215 A;

12. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of _____ dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 to 15 July 1998;

13. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net) for the period from 16 July to 30 November 1998 at a monthly rate of _____ dollars gross (_____ dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1998 as set out in resolution 52/215 A, subject to the decision(s) of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 15 July 1998;

14. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of _____ dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 16 July to 30 November 1998;

15. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

16. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic".